

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box 

PTO/SB/05 (12/97)

Approved for use through 9/30/000. OMB 0651-0032

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

12/29/00  
U.S. PTO

12/29/00  
U.S. PTO  
12/29/00

**Utility  
Patent Application  
Transmittal**

(only for nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	TPL 124	DATE	December 29, 2000
Inventor (s) : Carmel Chi Him LAU, Michael F. DAVIS; and Thomas BLACK			
TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RESTRICTING THE ASSIGNMENT OF VLANs			

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Patent Application Fee Determination Record  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Specification [Total Pages 30]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3.  Drawing(s) Figures 1-7 [Total Sheets 14]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets ]  
 Newly executed (original or copy)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
ADDRESS TO: Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

<b>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS</b>	
8. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment & Recordation Cover Sheet [Total pages ]	
9. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [Total Pages ] [Total References ]	
12. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment [Total Pages ]	
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)	
14. <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Assertion	
15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	
16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2) (B)(i)	
17. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

**18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

NAME	Thomas M. Champagne (Reg. No. 36,478) - Rabin & Champagne, P.C.				
CUSTOMER NUMBER	23995				
COUNTRY	USA	TELEPHONE	(202) 659-1915	FAX	(202) 659-1898

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

#5

**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor

LAU et al.

Title ~~METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RESTRICTING  
THE ASSIGNMENT OF VLANS~~

Atty Docket Number

TPL 124

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

29 December 2000

Date



Signature

Thomas M. Champagne

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**